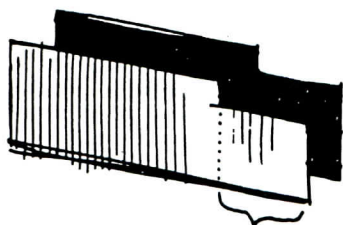


three and a half inches from the end and make a second mark **Lightly** score a line from the end back to the second mark. Now turn the wall over and notice that the wall surface is divided into groups of four ridges separated by a deep depression after every fourth ridge Count inward from the end, thirty of these four-ridge groupings The horizontal cut line you've lightly scored on the back should come this far in from the end. Retrace your cut line with the hobby knife with several strokes, applying a little more pressure with each stroke.

Now take a hobby saw and cut down through the rain gutter at the top of the wall and then cut down to the horizontal cut you already made. You should now be able to bend the short piece of wall section back and forth and it will snap off cleanly. Dress any roughness with a file, and repeat the procedure with the other long wall section, working in reverse of the first section you did.



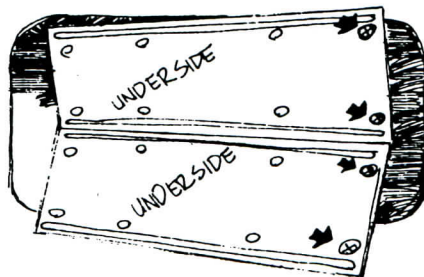
30 CORRUGATED SECTIONS

With both Side walls now cut to accept the Center Front wall and the low roof on the front of the building, decide what doors and windows you want on the two Side walls and the Rear wall and cut those openings now. Your dealer has, or can get, other Pikestuff windows and doors for your requirements. Install the 12' x 12' freight door wherever you choose at this time. A logical place would be a Side wall towards the rear, or the Rear wall itself.

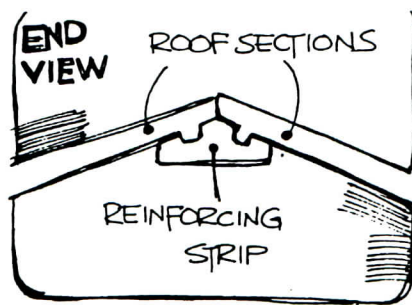
We cut a sheet of .040 styrene for the floor of the large warehouse/storage portion of the structure, gluing the Side, Rear, and Center Front walls to the side of the styrene: and then cut a second floor for the retail area at the front of the structure, also out of .040 styrene. We didn't include a floor with the kit because, as modelers, we've bought our share of kits where that big plastic surface had warped to an unusable shape and we had to pay for it anyway. By selecting your styrene separately, you can see what shape it's in before you plunk your money down. You'll have to notch the corners of the styrene a bit to allow for the corner reinforcing ribs on the Front, Center Front and Rear walls. Now would be a good time to spray the interiors black (or whatever color you choose). This is also the time to detail the front portion of the interior if you're going to.

Glue the white display windows and door together in the configuration shown on the front photo. As they dry, select the colors you want the building and brush or spray them now. It's easier to paint the front and **then** install the windows and door. Just be careful not to get any paint on the surfaces to be cemented. Now install the windows and door to the front wall, put in whatever material you're going to use for glass, and add the completed Front wall to the structure.

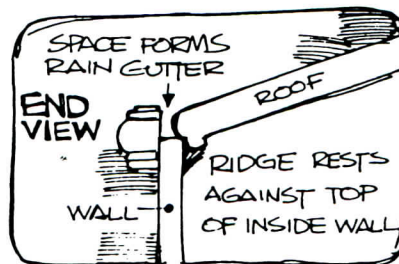
The Roof(s)



Check the underside of the two long roof sections, You'll note the circles at one end have "X"s scratched in them. For the best fit, all of the "X"s in both panels should be at the same end when assembling the roof. Having found the "X"s, cut the two long roof sections to a length of 7 and 7/16ths inches long. This length should make them fit snugly into the space provided for the warehouse/storage area roof. Apply the underside bracing on the panels before gluing them in place.



When the panels are in place, you'll probably notice about a thirty second of an inch gap along the 7 and 7/16ths edge, between the edge of the roof panel and the top of the Side wall. This is intentional. This is the rain gutter.



Now apply the lower, or front, roof. There is a sprue of plastic in the kit with two straight pieces and two vee-shaped pieces. One of the vee shapes is the front moulding for the lower roof, the two straight pieces are to be cemented to the side edges of the roof, and the other vee gets the outer 3/8ths cut off each end, and these are applied to the rear overhang on the roof piece.

On the sprue that contained the two roof underside reinforcement pieces, there are four thin pieces left, three inches long and a sixteenth of an inch wide. These are the gutter down spouts for the warehouse/storage area of the building. The side on the flat part of the sprue is the part that goes next to the building. Careful not to let cement show on the building side. The crooked white pieces left on the Freight door/ Front window sprue, are down spouts for the overhanging front roof. So that they might have other applications, they are a bit long for use here, and the long, straight section will need to be trimmed to height.

To finish off the building, we took a quarter-inch square stick of basswood (balsa can be used just as well) and cut two pieces as long as the structure's styrene floor, and two pieces as wide as the flooring. We miter-cut the ends, glued them together and to the underside of the floor and painted it a concrete color to give it the look of a concrete slab base.

We painted the signpost white and added the decals. The sidewalk shown on the box photo is a slab of sheet styrene, and the landscaped areas around the store are Campbell's Profile ties with ground foam and lichen. Pikestuff Guardrails provide that perfect finishing touch to the parking area.

There's no law that says you have to build this Kit just a certain way. Pikestuff kits are designed to give you maximum freedom in coming up with your own designs and variations. Just be careful in handling your knives and saws, don't force the cuts, and don't rush the work. This hobby is for FUN. We're modelers too, and if you come up with a different kind of structure out of our kits, we'd love to see a photo!



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